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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS OF ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA GOVT TROOPS CLASHES

1. EMB IS RECEIVING INQUIRIES ABOUT LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES OR LONDON TELEGRAPH REPORTS, DATELINED NAIROBI OF REPORTED CLASH BETWEEN REGULAR ETHIOPIAN AND SOMALI TROOPS. DAVID OTTOWAY OF WASHPOST TELLS US STORY IS ATTRIBUTED TO USAID SOURCE IN NAIROBI. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, PRESS REPORTS MAY BE BASED ON GARBLED ACCOUNT OF RECENT TRIP BY USAID/ETHIOPIA OFFICER JESSE SNYDER, WHO TRAVELED TO OGADEN REGION FEB 10-13. SNYDER DID HAVE OCCASION TO OBSERVE ONE INCIDENT INVOLVING ANTI-EPMG GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN OGADEN AND WAS INFORMED OF EXISTENCE OF VARIOUS GUERRILLA CAMPS IN AREA. AT NO TIME, HOWEVER, WAS IT EVER ALLEGED BY ANYONE THAT GUERRILLAS WERE REGULAR SOMALI TROOPS.

2. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE NAIROBI CHECKING ON ORIGIN/BASIS OF STORY. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ANY CLASHES BETWEEN REGULAR ETHIOPIAN AND SOMALI TROOPS AT THIS TIME AND CONSIDER ALARMIST REPORTS OF THIS KIND NOT HELPFUL WHEN LEARNED OF BY AMERICAN CITIZENS LIVING IN ETHIOPIA, WHO ARE UNDER-
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STANDABLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SECURITY IN WAKE OF RECENT EVENTS HERE.

3. FOR DEPT: UNDERSTAND ABOVE ACCOUNT HAS ALSO APPEARED IN U.S. PRESS, WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT SOONEST.
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